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1. Starting in late January 1951, the number of troops opposite Chinmen Island suddenly increased.* In late December and early January, the 86 Division, with an artillery battalion attached, and two other divisions of the 29 Army occupied defensive positions on a line between Changp'u (117-35, 24-06) and Chaoan (117-12, 23-44); however, one of these divisions and two regiments had returned to Weit'ou (118-34, 24-31), Anhai (118-30, 24-40) and Shenhui (118-37, 24-41) by 25 January. The 92 Division, 31 Army, is in the Amy port area and at Chimei (118-05, 24-34); the 91 Division, 31 Army, is at Hoshan (禾山) and Aot'ou (118-14, 24-33). Two regiments are at Kulanghsu (118-04, 24-27) and Sung'ing (嵩屏). One artillery battalion arrived at Chimei on 27 January with 5 motor-drawn heavy guns and 18 horse-drawn guns.
2. The Marine Public Security Bureau of Chinchiang (118-34, 24-54) has prohibited the passage of civilian boats on the open sea. On 20 January all rural district government offices along the coast held instructions to impose martial law; this re-established the situation existing prior to October 1950.
3. In mid-January, five gunboats camouflaged with blue cloth went from Foochow to Weit'ou and Tsin-tung (塘東).
4. On 23 January the following changes were made in the personnel of the Fukien Military District: TUAN Huan-ching (段煥競), Amy garrison commander, was replaced by FU Shao-fu (傅紹甫); LIU Yu-niao (劉蘇標), political commissar, was replaced by NIEH Ming-chiu (聶鳴九).

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the increased number of troops opposite Chinmen Island is intended to strengthen the defense against a sudden Nationalist landing and not to prepare for a Chinese Communist attack on Chinmen or Taiwan. Normally the Chinese Communists complete preparations for underground work prior to launching a campaign; these preparations have not yet been vigorously pushed.

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